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Sir:

This Reply is submitted with an RCE and is responsive to the final Office action dated June 18, 2004, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for reply that expires on September 20, 2004 (September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> being weekend days). Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2. Remarks begin on page 7 following the listing of claims. This Reply contains no amendments to the specification or drawings, and no appendix. Further examination and reconsideration respectfully are requested.

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